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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CASO, US, ET

SUBJECT:EXPULSION OF US CITIZENS AS ALLEGED CIA AGENTS

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 1911 (E) ADDIS ABABA 1993

1. PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN WASHINGTON IS AS FOLLOWS:

Q: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT TWO BLACK AMERICANS POSING AS ETHIOPIANS, WERE CAUGHT ENGAGING IN ESPIONAGE FOR THE CIA AND THEN EXPELLED FROM ETHIOPIA AFTER CONFESSING TO CIA ACTIVITIES. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT?

A: OUR EMBASSY AT ADDIS ABABA LEARNED OF THE ARREST OF CARL HAMILTON AND RICHARD HAMMOND ONLY ON MARCH 30, THE DAY THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DEPORTED. AFTER A NUMBER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPTS TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY AN ETHIOPIAN SECURITY OFFICIAL THAT THE TWO HAD BEEN DEPORTED FOR UNDISCLOSED REASONS. THE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE ARREST, DETENTION, OR THE CHARGES. WE HAVE SINCE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BOTH OF THESE AMERICANS AND HAVE LEARNED THAT THEY WERE ARRESTED ON MARCH 22 WHILE TOURING IN GONDAR,

AND HELD FOR EIGHT DAYS THERE AND IN ADDIS ABABA WITHOUT ANY NOTIFICATION TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY DESPITE THEIR REPEATED REQUESTS FOR CONTACT WITH CONSULAR AUTHORITIES.

THE TWO AMERICANS INFORM US THAT THEY WERE SEVERELY MALTREATED. UNDER SEVERE PHYSICAL DURESS, THEY WERE FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THEY WERE CIA AGENTS INFILTRATED INTO THE COUNTRY TO WORK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THESE CHARGES. HAMILTON AND HAMMOND ARE EMPLOYED AS SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS IN DETROIT AND WERE VISITING ETHIOPIA AS TOURISTS. THEY MADE ALL OF THEIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH A TOURIST BUREAU. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA TO PROTEST AT THE HIGHEST FEASIBLE LEVEL THIS SERIOUS MISTREATMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THE REFUSAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS.

2. SINCE QUESTION DID NOT ARISE APRIL 4, GUIDANCE WAS NOT USED.

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